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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 21, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended three months, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including three sections of applicant's comments (5 pages of background, 22 pages of discussion, and 4 pages of a table comparing the present invention to the applied reference), is attached following the signature page of this document.